THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Government of Himachal Pradesh, in a memorandum submitted to the Government of India, has claimed a share of 7.19% in power generated from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects under the control of Bhakara Beas Management Board. This claim is based on the transfer of population to Himmachal Pradesh consequent upon coming into force the Punjab Re-organisation Act, 1966 (31 of 1966).

In addition, Government of Himachal Pradesh has also demanded 12% free power from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects on account of distress caused and surrender of rights to generate power.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has filed an Original Suit No. 2 of 1996 under Article 131 of the Constitution of India in June, 1996 in the Supreme Court. The matter is now subjudice.

Share in Hydro-Electric Projects to H.P.

4071. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh requested for share in power generated by the projects *viz.* Mukerian-Anandpur Sahib and Shahpur Kandi Hydro-Electric;

(b) whether the request at (a) above is on the lines that share of power has been provided to Rajasthan and Haryana;

(c) whether Government purpose to consider the pending request early;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (e) To settle the issue of the claims of Haryana and Rajasthan for a share of power generated in the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, Upper Bari Doab Canal (UBDC) Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, an agreement was drawn up on 10-5-1984 amongst Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Central Government for making a reference to the Supreme Court, on the question of entitlement of Haryana and Rajasthan in these projects and in case there being such an entitlement to determine the share of each State. In order to arrive at an

amicable settlement the Ministry of Water Resources had convened several meetings with the concerned states. However, no consensus could be reached. Though the Himachal Pradesh is not a signatory to the Agreement dated 10-5-1984, it has also claimed its share in these projects.

Thereafter, the subject was also discussed in the meetings of Northern Zonal Council held in October, 1997 and February, 1999. In the meeting held on 28-2-1999, it was resolved that a separate conference of the Chief Ministers and concerned Ministers of State of the Northern Zone would be convened to undertake indepth study of all the relevant issues and factors relating to sharing of water and power and evolve consensus on mutually agreeable parameter.

A meeting of Chief Ministers/Minister of States in the Northern Region was scheduled in April, 1999. However, the meeting could not be held due to Tricentenary celebrations in Punjab and subsequent announcement of general elections. It is now proposed to convene this meeting. Thereafter, further steps will be taken in accordance with the decision taken in the meetings.

Setting of Power Projects in M.P.

4072. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some proposals have been received from private entreprenuers for setting up power projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of power expected to be generated therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) Details of the schemes for setting up power projects in Madhya Pradesh which have been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) are given below :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)
1.	Maheshwar HEP (M/s. S. Kumars Ltd.)	400
2.	Korba (East). T P P (M/s. Daewoo Power)	1070
3.	Bina TPP (M/s. Bina Power Supply Co. Ltd.)	578